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The patentees are submitting herewith copies of the prior art cited in a Notice of Grounds for Rejection for the corresponding Japanese Patent Application as follows:

- 1. JP 2002-073127 corresponding to USP 6,434,448
- 2. JP 01-177617
- 3. JP 63-034054

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